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# SYNODICAL CALENDAR,
## 1877--1878.

### OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

*President*, Rev. T. F. DORNBLASER, A. M., Kansas City, Mo.
*Secretary*, " A. K. FELTON, A. M., Bunker Hill, Kas.
*Treasurer*, Mr. J. H. SHELL, Kansas City, Mo.

### Commissioners to Carthage College.

Rev. W. C. SEIDEL, Rev. J. B. McAFEE and Mr. J. H. SHELL

### Speakers for Next Meeting.

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| ORDINATION, | Rev. A. K. FELTON. |
| EDUCATION, | Rev. J. A. M. ZIEGLER. |
| HOME MISSIONS, | " D. S. ALTMAN. |

### Mission Committee.

THE OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

### Next Convention of Synod.

PLACE: **PEABODY, KANSAS.**

TIME: **Wednesday Evening, before the full moon of August 1878.**

# Tenth Annual Convention

OF THE

# Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

## KANSAS AND ADJACENT STATES,

**met in Salina, Kansas, on Wednesday Evening, August 22d, 1877.**

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The Synodical Sermon was preached by the acting President, Rev. T. F. Dornblaser, from Psalm 122, 6.

# FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, Aug. 23d, 9 o'clock A. M.

After a half hour of devotional exercises, Synod was called to order and opened by the Acting President, Rev. T. F. Dornblaser.

Rev. D. Harbaugh was elected Secretary *pro tem.*

Roll was called and lay-delegates received by presenting their credentials.

## LIST OF CLERICAL MEMBERS.

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| 1. | Rev. R. Weiser, D. D., | Georgetown, Col |
| 2. | " D. S. Altman, | Ottawa, Kansas. |
| 3. | " C. Young, | Salina, " |
| 4. | " G. A. Exline, (a)† | Bunker Hill, " |
| 5. | " D. Harbaugh, | Waterville, " |
| 6. | " T. R. Sherer, (a) | Waterville, " |
| 7. | " G. Walker, | Whiterock, " |
| 8. | " J. B. McAfee, | Leavenworth " |
| 9. | " S P. Harrington, | Abilene, " |
| 10. | " J. B. Corbett, (a)† | Bunker Hill, " |
| 11. | " H. Heigerd, (a)† | Effingham, " |
| 12. | " E. J. Keplinger, | Valley Falls, " |
| 13. | " T. F. Dornblaser, | Kansas City, Mo. |
| 14. | " C. Martin, M. D., | St. Joseph, " |
| 15. | " W. C. Seidel, | Minneapolis, Kas. |
| 16. | " A. K. Felton,‡ | Bunker Hill, " |
| 17. | " L. C. Grosclose, | Eureka, " |
| 18. | " A. J. Hartsock,‡ | Salina, " |
| 19. | " A. Esecik,‡ | Fort Harker, " |
| 20. | " J. A. M. Ziegler,‡ | Abilene, " |
| 21. | " D.H.Snowden,M.D.‡(a) | Georgetown, Col. |
| 22. | " G. Sanderson,*‡ | Kansas City, Mo. |
| 23. | " D. H. Bauslin,*‡ | Springfield, Ohio. |

(a) absent.—(a)† absent unexcused.—* Licentiates.—*‡ Received at this meeting of Synod.

## LAY-DELEGATES.

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| Jacob Gebhart, | Salina, Kas. |
| R. Sherer, | Enterprise, " |
| H. Braemer, | Waterville, " |
| Peter Brown, | Bunker Hill, " |
| J. H. Shell, | Kansas City, Mo. |

## COMMISSIONERS.

Philip Weidlein, ..... Peabody, Kas.

## ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Rev. G. S. Dearborn, Presiding Elder in the M. E. Church.
" F. Lagerman, Pastor of the Swedish Lutheran Church, Salina.
" P. J. Brodin, " " " " " Barna, Ill.
" Carr, Pastor of the Baptist Church, Salina, Kas.
" W. H. Snyder, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Abilene, Kas.
" Thomas B. Duly, Pastor of the M. E. Church, Salina, Kas.
" Wm. Bishop, D. D., of Salina.

Rev. A. Essick presented a letter of dismissal from the Miami Synod, Ohio, and was received as a member of this body. During subsequent sessions Rev. A. J. Hartsock of the Synod of Central Pa. and Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler of the Susquehanna Synod, presented their letters and were duly received.

# President's Report.

DEAR BRETHREN,

With the proceedings of this convention, closes the first decade in the history of this Synod. Some of the fathers have gone to their reward, while we, through the mercy of God, are permitted to meet once more, to review the work of the Master, committed to our keeping.

The constitutional duty, of presenting this report, has very unexpectedly fallen to my lot, on account of the resignation of Rev. A. A. Trimper, our worthy President.

This resignation was dated September 14th, 1876, accompanied by the following statement of official correspondence.

1. *August 9th*, 1876,—I commissioned Rev. S. P. Harrington, as Synodical or Traveling Missionary. Also gave him a letter of introduction.

2. *August 9th*, 1876.—I wrote Rev. E. J. Keplinger, as instructed by Synod, and urged him to resume the active duties of the ministry. I have had no response from him as yet.

3. *Sept. 7th*, 1876.—Received a postal card from Rev. W. H. Lilly, apprising me of his having taken charge of the "Abilene Mission Church."

4. I also wrote an article for the *Lutheran Observer*, explaining the action of our Synod, in sending out Bro. Harrington in his present work, instead of writing to the B. H. M. at York, Pa., as instructed by Synod.

Having discharged the duties of President, since Sept. 14th, 1876, I have kept a record of the following:

OFFICIAL ACTS.

1. *September 20th*, 1876.—By request of Rev. A. A. Trimper, I sent him a letter of honorable dismission, to unite with the Presbytery of Topeka.

2. *October 25th*, 1876.—Sent Rev. A. Schabehorn *ad interim license*, per application, signed by three ministerial brethren of this Synod.

3. *November 1st*, 1876.—Appointed Rev. D. Harbaugh to act, as a member of the "Mission Committee." Appointment accepted.

4. *April 30th*, 1877.—Sent Rev. W. H. Lilly of Newton, Iowa, a letter of honorable dismission, to unite with the Synod of Iowa. The same having forwarded his honorable dismissal from the Synod of Central Pa.

5. *May 20th*, 1877.—Sent Rev. C. J. Scheleen a letter of honorable dismission to unite with the Augustana Synod.

6. *May 18th*, 1877.—Received a letter from Dr. Martin of St. Joseph, Mo., informing me of his inability, owing to sickness in his family, to attend the meeting of the General Synod at Carthage, Ill. Informed his Alternate, Dr. Weiser, who sent greetings to Carthage, with regrets for his inability to be present.

7. *May 19th*, 1877.—T. F. Garver, Esq., having informed me that he could not attend the meeting of the General Synod, I informed C. H. Lebold, his alternate, but received no reply.

## VACANCIES.

Topeka, Lawrence, Abilene, Monrovia, Stranger Creek and Valley Falls. Salina has been supplied during the year by Rev. W. C. Seidel.

*March 20th*, 1877.—Received a letter from Rev. A. K. Felton, informing me of his taking charge of the church at Bunker Hill. Enclosing his letter of honorable dismission from the Synod of Northern Illinois.

## NEW ORGANIZATIONS.

At Peabody, with Rev. H. D. Bauslin as Pastor, in Dickinson Co., a new charge formed by Rev. S. P. Harrington. Both very promising fields.

## SYNODICAL MISSIONARY.

Rev. S. P. Harrington continued to serve in this position for six months, discharging his duties with fidelity, and meeting with marked success, but owing to a want of funds in the Treasury, the Mission Committee was forced to discontinue him.

We hope this Synod will give special attention to the report of the "Mission Committee," and make every possible effort to meet the balance yet due Bro. Harrington for his services.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

Since the meeting of the General Synod at Carthage, Illinois, there seems to be felt throughout the church a deeper interest on the subject of Home Missions. The wants and the importance of the Mission work in the West are felt and appreciated as never before. Scores of young men, in the East, are ready and anxious to come West. All they want is the promise of a living, and a co-operation among the people. There can be no excuse for our missions to continue vacant, when so many men of ability and devotion are waiting to serve them.

Let us labor and pray for a mighty revival in all the churches and families within the bounds of our Synod. May the Lord fill our churches with His praise, and our hearts with His love.

Very respectfully submitted,

**T. F. DORNBLASER, President** *pro tem.*

August 23d, 1877.

Referred to a proper committee.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President—Rev. T. F. Dornblaser.
Secretary— " A. K. Felton.
Treasurer—Mr. J. H. Shell.

On motion of Rev. W. C. Seidel, the Synod ordered the *education address* for Friday evening, and Home Missions, Saturday evening.

The question of Temperance was by request discussed freely by the brethren, and on motion of Dr. Weiser, the officers of Synod were authorized to confer with the pastors of Salina on the subject of inaugurating the Murphy Temperance movement in this place.

Synod voted the Morning session to last from 9:00 A. M. to 11:30 A. M., the afternoon session from 1:30 P. M. to 5:00 P. M. during the present convention.

Adjourned to meet in Ministerium.
Prayer by Rev. D. S. Altman.

## SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY 1:30 P. M.

The President in the chair. Prayer by Rev. J. B. McAfee.

### COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT—Rev. D. S. Altman and J. H. Shell.
2. MINUTES OF SYNOD AND GENERAL SYNOD—Rev.'s D. Harbaugh and Dr. Weiser.
3. COMMUNICATIONS—Rev.'s C. Martin M. D. and S. P. Harrington.
4. APPLICATIONS OF CHURCHES—Rev.'s R. Weiser D. D., W. C. Seidel and Mr. Jacob Gebhart.
5. PAROCHIAL REPORTS—Prof. Essick, D. H. Bauslin and H. Bræmmer.
6. TREASURER'S REPORT—Rev. J. B. McAfee and Philip Weidlein.
7. STATE OF RELIGION—Rev.'s S. P. Harrington and R. Sherer.
8. CHURCH LITERATURE—Rev.'s W. C. Seidel, E. J. Keplinger and Peter Brown.
9. VACANT CONGREGATIONS—Rev.'s D. S. Altman, E. J. Keplinger and J. G. Schmucker.

The following was presented by Rev. W. C. Seidel.

*Resolved*, 1. That Rev. R. Weiser D. D. be appointed to prepare a report of this convention for the *Salina County Journal* of this city. 2. That Rev. D. Harbaugh be appointed to prepare a report for the *Salina County Farmer*. 3. D. H. Bauslin for the *Salina County Herald*. Passed.

### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

OTTAWA—D. S. Altman—He has a large field, works all week at manual labor, gets little pay, preaches *money*, and succeeds in getting it for missions etc.'

GEORGETOWN, COL.—R. Weiser D. D.—Heretofore had no charge, but has lately organized a church in Georgetown of 25 members to unite with Kansas Synod. "There are 250 or 300 Lutheran members in G. I preach for them for nothing, am my own sexton and furnish the house. I raise some money for missions. I officiate in three languages."

WATERVILLE—D. Harbaugh—Several extra meetings with some good results. People moving away is a great drawback to our success.

ENTERPRISE—S. P. Harrington—Two good Sunday Schools. They have kept up a prayer meeting at one point during the summer on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. "I am encouraged in my work."

KANSAS CITY—T. F. Dornblaser—He quotes another who says "a kind of mildew has fallen upon all the churches of the

city." We succeed as well as any. A better attendance at Sunday School than any other. Many of our members do business elsewhere and can not attend regularly to our services. I am encouraged.—"Our prayer-meeting always goes, whether I am present or not. All my male members lead in prayer. Many also of the ladies."

SALINA—W. C. Seidel—"I supplied this pastorate about 15 months. I failed to do anything with the Germans. At New Cambria we have a genuine Lutheran community. I held a meeting there, which resulted well. A fair Sunday School."

SOLOMON VALLEY—W. C. Seidel—No organization in the valley. I feel, however, that much good has been done since I am here. At Bennington there is a large German settlement. I can organize with 18 members. At Glasgow another German community is found, who have been regularly conducting services without a pastor. I preach for them regularly now.

BUNKER HILL—A. K. Felton—We held a meeting last fall with good success. A good attendance at our services, during the nine months of my acquaintance with the people. In order to build up Lutheranism in Russell Co., we must preach in the country. "I have spent my Sunday afternoons thus: Not being able to purchase a horse, I have been compelled to walk, which generally made a trip of 14 miles. One day I walked 15 miles and preached three times, having walked 11 miles the evening before. I do not preach near my regular points, but always about 6 or 7 miles away."

TOPEKA—Vacant—Reported not very encouraging.—Sec. thinks otherwise if they had the right man.

MONROVIA—No pastor, no prospects for one. No S. S., on account of repairs going on in the church.

PEABODY—D. H. Bauslin—A new organization. Services very well attended. 25 members—18 or 20 prospective—Character the best people in the community. Our success will depend upon having a place for worship. They want to build a church and want it soon.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. Essick.

## THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, Aug. 24th, 9 o'clock A. M.

President in the chair. Prayer by Bro. Bauslin. Minutes read, corrected and approved.

## PAROCHIAL REPORTS, CONCLUDED.

EUREKA—L. C. Groseclose—by letter—"I find the great difficulty in my field, as nearly everywhere else, is, that I am here five or ten years too late." "My field is a difficult one." He expresses his regrets that it is impossible for him to be at the Synod.

LAWRENCE—Vacant. J. G. Schmucker—He reports nothing favorable. It is almost dead.—The want of a pastor is the great drawback. I think a good work could be done there. The Sunday School is encouraging.

ABILENE—Harrington—Vacant—Very encouraging. They will likely call Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler—I think they will build a church, if they get a pastor this fall.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 6.

Your committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's report, have examined the receipts and expenditures and find the same correct as shown in the accompanying balance sheet.

J. B. McAFEE,
P. WEIDLEIN.

Adopted.

## TREASURE'S REPORT

of money received and paid out for the year commencing Aug. 1st, 1876, and ending Aug. 1st, 1877.

| | DR. | CR. | BAL. |
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| Beneficiary Education, | $34 00 | $34 00 | |
| Home Missions, | 56 15 | 41 10 | $15 05 |
| Foreign Missions, | 8 85 | 7 20 | 1 65 |
| Synodical Treasury, | 45 87 | 39 75 | 6 12 |
| General Synod Fund, | 2 35 | —— | 2 35 |
| Church Extension, | 50 | —— | 50 |
| Rev. S. P. Harrington, | 31 90 | 31 90 | |
| | $179 62 | $153 95 | $25 67 |

Amount on hand and ready to be paid over, twenty-five dollars and sixty-seven cents.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SHELL.

The *Advisory Mission* committee and the State Missionary (Rev. S. P. Harrington) reported in full their success and discouragements—after which the following action was taken by Synod.

WHEREAS, Rev. S. P. Harrington labored for four months as Synodical Missionary, by the authority of Synod, and

WHEREAS, $124.49 is yet due him, therefore

*Resolved*, That this amount be secured at this meeting of Synod and refunded him inside of thirty days.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be appointed to take pledges for this purpose.

The reports presented showed encouraging success.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 8.

*Church Literature.*

Your committee respectfully report that we have before us:—

1. A communication from Rev. J. A. Brown, D. D. of Gettysburg, calling attention to the *Quarterly Review*, and offering most liberal terms to onr missionaries; *First*, that he will furnish the *Review* to any missionary, receiving less than $600.00 salary, at $2.00 per annum. *Second*, that he will furnish it to any who are really needy, if they desire it, for nothing. In view of the excellent literary character of the *Review*, and in view of the fact, that it is an invaluable educating agency, supplying a felt want in the church, your committee recommend that all the Brethren, who do not yet take it, subscribe for the *Review* at the earliest convenience.

2. A communication from Rev. J. D. Severinghaus, calling attention to the *Kirchenfreund* and other publications issued by his house. Also that all the Literature of the Lutheran Board of Publication are kept for sale at his publishing house in Chicago. Your committee recommend this house to the favorable consideration of Synod and urge, that the pastors give special attention to the circulation of the *Kirchenfreund* among our German people.

W. C. Seidel,
E. J. Keplinger,
Jacob Gebhart.

Received and recommendations adopted.

On motion Synod adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. Hartsock.

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# FOURTH SESSION.

2:00 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by R. Weiser D. D.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO 4.

The papers submitted to us were:—

1. An application of the Lutheran church of Georgetown, Col. This church was organized on the 12th of August 1877 with 25 members, and fine prospects of a large increase of members in the near future. We would offer the following action for Synod, viz:—

1. *Resolved*, That we receive St. Paul's Lutheran church of Georgetown into this Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That we rejoice in the fact, that we now have one General Synod Lutheran church in the growing State of Colorado.

2. Is a document from Peabody, indicating that 24 members of our church have united themselves into an organization, and make application to be received into connection with this Synod. We rejoice in the fine prospects, that seem to be before this church and recommend the following:—

*Resolved*, That we receive the Lutheran church of Peabody into this Synod.

R. Weiser.

Received and recommendations adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 7.

*State of Religion.*

Your committee on the State of Religion within the bounds of this Synod would report:—

That in the year just closed, some of our churches have enjoyed some measure of the Divine presence and in some localities, where dark shadows have hung over our people, they are measurably vanishing away and the sun of hope is beginning to shine. There is an increasing interest in the prayer meetings and an earnest awakening in the Sabbath schools and Sabbath school work throughout our entire State, which are omens of great future results. We rejoice that the Evangelical churches are drawing nearer together and are laboring more unitedly to promote the cause of Jesus and our own Lutheran people within the bounds of our Synod are longing for a greater baptism of the spirit and efficience in the work of the Master.

Our great want is means and well qualified, earnest and self-sacrificing men, but we rejoice, that there is an increasing interest in the General Synod—the leading men of the church—and especially those at the head of our institutions of learning, and also among our young men just entering the ministry in this great Western mission field. Let there be a still greater consecration of our ministers and people to the great work of saving men and women from sin and death.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. Harrington,
R. Sherer.

Received and adopted.

On the reception of a petition from several of the brethren for authority to organize a conference, on motion of Bro. Harrington, the following committee was appointed to district the Synod.

Committee { Rev. W. C. Seidel, " D. S. Altman, " A. K. Felton.

On motion of Bro. Seidel the following was

*Resolved*, 1. That we hereby return the sincere thanks of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas to the Presbyterian congregation for the use of their church during this convention. 2. That we likewise return our thanks to the choir of said church for their services in furnishing us such excellent music.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Your delegates, to attend the meeting of the General Synod at Carthage, Ill., would respectfully submit the following report:

Of the four principal delegates elected, only two were present. Hon. G. W. Householder and T. F. Dornblaser. Rev. C. Martin, M. D. was detained at home by the dangerous illness of his daughter. T. F. Garver, Esq. expressed his regrets, on not being able to attend, owing to urgent legal engagements. Their alternates were informed, but both of them failed to put in an appearance.

1. This meeting of the General Synod was in all respects most pleasant and harmonious. None, but questions of the most practical import engaged the attention of Synod. It was in all respects a missionary convention.

2. The subject of Home Missions received its due share of attention. Your delegation at the first opportunity, presented according to instructions, a resolution on the subject of Traveling missionaries. The resolution was presented as it now stands in the printed minutes, Page 79. There was a disposition on the part of some to crush this resolution, but such men as Steck, Stuckenberg, Harkey, Lipe and Weidensall, rose in its defence, and to their honor be it said, the resolution stands on the minutes to-day. The substance of the same resolution was again embodied in the recommendations of the Committee on Limited Benevolence, Page 39, item 4.

3. The expenses of the delegates were never so well provided for, none did so well as the Synod of Kansas. She paid 12 dollars into the treasury, and took nothing out. All went home rejoicing over a treasury, *once free* from debt.

Your committee offer the following recommendations:—

1. That a committee be appointed to confer with our sister synods west of the Mississippi and the Board of Home Missions at York, Pa., in regard to the appointment of a Western Superintendent of Home Missions.

2. That a column be opened in our Parochial table for General Synod Treasury.

Very respectfully,

T. F. DORNBLASER,
G. W. HOUSEHOLDER, } Committee.

Received and recommendations adopted.

Committee on conference with regard to a Western Superintendent of H. M.

Rev. A. K. Felton,
" A. Essick,
" D. Harbaugh.

On motion of Rev. A. Essick, the secretary was instructed to have 250 blanks prepared for parochial reports of the congregations, to be sent to the pastors and congregations shortly before next meeting of Synod.

Rev. Dornblaser offered the following, which was adopted.

Whereas the newly organized church at Peabody is about making a laudable effort to erect a suitable church edifice during the coming year, and promises to raise $1,200.00 on the ground, therefore:

*Resolved*, That we recommend this church through the Mission committee, to the Board of Church Extension for a loan of $700.00. The terms to be arranged between the Board and the Council of said church.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 2.

The documents placed in our hands are

1. The minutes of this Synod from last year, in which we find the following items claiming our attention:

(*a*) Rev. J. B. McAfee was appointed to secure the property in the city of Atchinson, so as to make it safe to the church: What has he done?

(*b*) On page 16 of the minutes we find that the vacant congregations and places where congregations may be organized, were referred to different brethren of this Synod for supplies: What have they done?

2. The minutes of the General Synod. In them we find that they purpose to raise $20,000 annually for Home Missions, $20,000 for Foreign Missions, and $10,000 for Church Extension, and in order that each may raise its quota, this amount has been apportioned among the Synods connected with the General Synod. The sum to be raised by this Synod is $200.00.

(*a*) We recommend that a vigorous effort be made by all our pastors and congregations to raise this amount.

(*b*) We recommend that the subscription plan be adopted by each pastor, using a blank book with three columns, one for Home Missions, one for Foreign Missions and one for Church Extension.

(*c*) We recommend the appointment of a committee to apportion this amount among our congregations according to the number of members.

On page 79 of these minutes we find that the General Synod

has empowered the Board of Home Missions to employ *Evangelists* or *Traveling Missionaries*, wherever they deem it most practicable. We rejoice at this action, because we regard this as the hope of the church in the west.

D. Harbaugh,
R. Wiser.

Received and recommendations adopted seriatim.

Question (*a*) in the above report being answered, that some preliminary steps were taken, the following resolution was adopted by the Synod.

*Resolved*, That we request Mr. A. W. Wagonhals to transfer the church property at Atchinson to the Church Extension Board to hold in trust for future use of the Lutheran church, subject to the order of Kansas Synod.

Quest. (*b*) Pretty generally supplied according to directions.

Committee of apportionment,

Rev. A. Essick,
" D. Harbaugh,
" W. C. Seidel.

Rev. T. F. Dornblaser offered the following, which was adopted.

*Memorial Church.*

Whereas, a resolution was adopted at the late meeting of the General Synod, asking all the churches to make an effort on Reformation Sunday, for the relief of the Memorial church at Washington, D. C. Therefore

*Resolved*, That we endeavor to carry out said resolution as near as possible.

Report of Rev. J. B. McAfee, a commissioner to Carthage.

*Mr. Pres.* Having been appointed by this Synod one of the commissioners to Carthage College, I attended the last meeting of commissioners, and find the College in a flourishing condition. The faculty is composed of active, energetic and efficient men—alive to the interests of the institution and of the church. And although the youngest institution connected with the General Synod, it has on its catalogue the largest number of students. I most heartily commend it to the confidence and support of this Synod.

J. B. McAfee.

Received and adopted.

Rev. J. B. McAfee was excused from further attendance at this session of Synod.

Sec. was instructed to correspond with Rev. Groenmiller and others he may hear of to get parochial reports not already given.

Adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. W. C. Seidel.

# FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, Aug. 24th, 9:00 A. M.

President in the chair. Prayer by Rev. A. Essick.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 1.

Your committee, to whom was referred the President's report, would report, that they have examined the document, are pleased with its contents and spirit, and inasmuch as there appears to be nothing in it claiming the attention of Synod, would recommend that his official acts be approved and ratified by Synod, and that it be published with the proceedings of this convention.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. ALTMAN,
J. H. SHELL.

Received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 3.

Your committee on communications would report the following:

No. 1 is a letter from the Monrovia pastorate. They sent 2 dollars for the Synod's treasury, they can pay a pastor two hundred dollars, and desire Synod to send them a minister soon.

*Resolved*, 1st. That the church be supplied by Synod until they can secure a pastor. 2d. That the Pres. of Synod be instructed to use his influence to secure them a pastor as soon as possible.

No. 2 is a letter from the treasurer of the Topeka church. He sends $5.00 for synodical purposes.

Your committee recommend that Rev. Dr. Snowden be requested to visit them with a view of awakening them to new life.

No. 3 is a letter from Rev. F. R. Sherer. He sends his parochial report, $1.00 in money for Synod, and askes to be excused. He offers as a reason the fact of his being summoned as a witness before the district court on the 7th of this month.

*Resolved*, That he be excused. He also calls the attention of Synod to the German church at Hanover, Kansas, and the fact of their having secured a pastor in the person of Rev. J. G. Groenmiller.

We should be very glad to welcome Bro. Groenmiller back into our Synod again.

No. 4 is a letter from Rev. A. A. Trimper, dated Sept. 14, '76. He sends his report as President of Synod to the Secretary, resigns his office, and asks for a letter of dismissal to the Topeka Presbytery of the Presbyterian church.

Your committee truly regret that he could not be retained in our connection. May God bless him in his new relation.

No. 5 is a letter from Rev. C. J. Scheleen. He asks for an honorable dismissal from this synod to unite with the Augustana Synod. He sends $2.00 for synod. May the blessing of God go with this dear brother in his new relation.

No. 6 is a letter from our very efficient and worthy secretary of the Board of Home Missions. He regrets that he cannot be at the meeting of this synod. The B. H. M. thinks that the interests of the work demand his labors East.

Your committee regret exceedingly the absence of Bro. Goodlin, and pray that the blessings of the Great Head of the Church may rest upon the Board of Home Missions.

No. 7 is a letter of greeting from the Iowa Synod, addressed to this synod by Rev. D. P. Grosscup. He prays that the blessings of God may attend our labors, and assures this body that its representative will be gladly welcomed at the next meeting of that synod.

Your com. recommend that the Pres. of synod be instructed to address a letter of fraternal greeting to that body.

No. 8 is a communication from Dr. Butler of Washington, D. C., appealing for aid for the Memorial church. This subject being disposed of needs no further action.

No. 9 is a letter to this body from Rev. H. Acker, a delegate from the Synod of Northern Ill. He regrets his inability to be with us, but sends fraternal greetings.

Your committee much regret the inability of Bro. Acker to be with us. We also hereby instruct the Pres. to send greetings.

No. 10 is a letter from Rev. L. C. Groseclose. He sends $6.50 for Home Missions and $2.00 for synod. He very much regrets his inability to be with us. Your committee regard his excuses valid and recommend that he be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. MARTIN,
S. P. HARRINGTON.

Received and adopted seriatim.

REPORT OF COM. ON APPORTIONMENT.

The com. on apportionment reported as follows:—

The amount per capita, according to the parochial schedule is 40 cents, viz. 16 cts. for Home Missions, 16 cts. for Foreign Missions and 8 cts. for Church Extension.

Your committee recommend that the secretary be instructed, in sending out schedules for next year's parochial reports, to write upon the blank side the amount assessed upon the respec-

tive pastoral charges.

A. Essick,
D. Harbaugh,
W. C. Seidel.

Adopted.

Rev. W. C. Seidel, Rev. J. B. McAfee and Mr. J. H. Shell were elected commissioners to Carthage College.

REPORT OF DISTRICTING COMMITTEE.

Your committee recommend that the Synod be divided into two conference districts. The line to run North and South upon and from the East line of Dickinson Co.

W. C. Seidel,
D. S. Altman,
A. K. Felton.

On motion of Dr. Martin it was

*Resolved*, That the President publicly express the thanks of the members of this Synod to the members of the Lutheran church and to the other citizens of Salina, who have so generously received and entertained us during the present session.

2. That we are gratified to learn that the Salina pastorate has received the pastoral services of the Rev. A. J. Hartsock, and that he is already among this people. May the blessing of the Lord rest upon this pastoral relation and crown it with great success.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 9.

Your committee on *vacant congregations*, would respectfully report the following:

1. *The city of Lawrence*—At this place we have a neat commodious church edifice, a membership of some 30, and a S. S., when rightly managed of 125. They can raise for an efficient man $300.00 towards his salary.

2. *Topeka*—At this place we have a neat, well located church edifice paid for. A membership of 35.

3. *Monrovia and Stranger Creek*—At these points we have some 40 members, one church edifice, and they will give about $275.00 towards a pastor's support.

4. *White Rock*—We have at this place 25 members, and about $150.00 could be raised towards a minister's salary.

5. *Johnston Co., Kas*—About 5 miles south of Gardner we have an organization of about a dozen members; some of whom are in good circumstances. Could pay $100.00 towards the support of a pastor.

Your committee would earnestly recommend that Synod take immediate action in reference to an early supplying of these places with the stated ministrations of the Gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. Altman,
J. G. Schmucker.

On motion it was

*Resolved*, That the necessary expenses of the Mission Committee in the prosecution of their duties, be paid out of the treasury of Synod.

Rev. A. J. Hartsock was excused from further attendance.

Adjourned to meet after preparatory services. Prayer by Dr. Snowden.

## SIXTH SESSION.

3 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Rev. D. S. Altman.

Rev. E. J. Keplinger was excused from further attendance.

On motion the officers of Synod were made the *Advisory Mission Committee.*

The election for speakers for next meeting of Synod resulted as follows:

| | PRINCIPALS. | ALTERNATES. |
|---|---|---|
| *Home Missions*— | Rev. D. S. Altman, | Rev. A. K. Felton. |
| *Education*— | Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, | " A. J. Hartsock. |
| *Ordination*— | " A. K. Felton, | " W. C. Seidel. |

Adjourned to meet in Peabody, Kas., on Wednesday evening before the full moon of August 1878.

Prayer by Dr. Bishop.

Respectfully submitted,

A. K. FELTON, *Secretary.*

# MINISTERIUM.

## FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, Aug. 23d, 11 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Father Young.

The papers of Rev. D. H. Snowden being called for, they were read and the following action taken:

*Resolved*, That the President appoint a committee to hold a colloquium with Rev. D. H. Snowden, who shall report to this Ministerium.

President appointed Rev.'s D. Harbaugh, C. Martin and R. Weiser, D. D.

The following brethren were appointed by vote of the ministerium, as an examining committee for this year and next:—Rev.'s C. Martin, M. D., D. Harbaugh and A. Essick.

Adjourned.

## SECOND SESSION.

August 23d, 5½ o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Rev. J. B. McAfee.

COMMITTEE ON COLLOQUIUM REPORTED.

The committee appointed by the Ministerium to hold a Colloquium with Rev. D. H. Snowden of the M. E. Church, in which he holds the order of deacon, and who now makes application to be received into the ministry of the Ev. Luth. Church and into connection with the Synod of Kansas, would respectfully report:

That he presented his credentials of membership, in good standing in the Colorado Conference of the M. E. Church, signed by Bishop J. W. Wiley, therefore, the committee would recommend that his application be sustained. But as the office of deacon in the M. E. Church does not confer the authority of performing all ministerial functions, we would offer the following

*Resolution:* That the Rev. D. H. Snowden be fully ordained to the office of the Gospel ministry, according to the formula of our church, at such time during the present session of Synod, as the Ministerium may direct.

In behalf of the Committee,

CHAS. MARTIN,
R. WEISER,
D. HARBAUGH.

Prayer by Rev. A. K. Felton.

# THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY, Aug. 25th, 11 o'clock A. M.

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Your committee also report on the papers of licentiate Geo. Sanderson. These papers were: *First*, His application for the renewal of his license, in which domestic affliction is given as a reason for not having actively engaged in the duties of the ministry. *Second*, His license given to him at Synod one year since. *Third*, Two sermons, which evince a commendable application to the study of a practical application of Gospel truth.

The committee would recommend that the license of Bro. G. Sanderson be renewed, and that he has our christian sympathy and prayers in his domestic affliction.

C. MARTIN,
A. ESSICK,
D. HARBAUGH.

On motion of Dr. Martin, Sunday evening after the sermon, was appointed for the ordination of Bro. Snowden, and the licensure of Bro. Bauslin, and re-licensure of Bro. Sanderson.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. J. Keplinger.

Respectfully submitted,

A. K. FELTON, *Secretary.*

# RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
(where the synodical religious exercises were held.)

*Wednesday Evening*—Rev. T. F. Dornblaser, Synodical Sermon.
*Thursday* " Rev. D. H. Snowden.
*Friday* " Rev. C. Martin, Education.
*Saturday* " Rev. R. Weiser D. D., Home Missions.
*Sunday Morning*—Rev. A. J. Hartsock, Communion.
" *Evening*—Rev. S. P. Harrington, Ordination.

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LUTHERAN CHURCH.

*Saturday, 2 o'clock P. M.*—Rev. D. Harbaugh, Preparatory service.
*Sunday Morning*—Rev. R. Weiser D. D., German sermon.

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M. E. CHURCH.

*Sabbath Morning*—Rev. A. K. Felton.
" *Evening*—Rev. D. S. Altman.
" *Afternoon* { Rev. T. F. Dornblaser, " A. J. Hartsock, Bro. D. H. Bauslin, Rev. R. Weiser, D. D. } *Temperance.*

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NEW CAMBRIA.

*Sunday Morning*—D. H. Bauslin. *Evening*—Rev. E. J. Keplinger.

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